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SUBJ: STARR KIDNAPPING

1. BOGOTA'S LEADING DAILY "EL TIEMPO" ON AUGUST 15 REPORTED THAT STARR RECENTLY WAS TRANSFERRED TO A REGION KNOWN AS EL GUAYABERO, AND IS IN GOOD HEALTH. THE REPORT SUPPOSEDLY BASED ON CLASSIFIED COLOMBIAN ARMY INFORMATION, LINKS STARR'S TRANSFER TO EL GUAYABERO TO THE ALLEGED RETURN TO COLOMBIA FROM VIETNAM AND RUSSIA OF NOTORIOUS FARC LEADER MANUEL MARULANDA VELEZ (AKA PEDRO MARIN AKA "TIROFIJO"), MUCH SOUGHT AFTER BY THE AUTHORITIES AND SAID TO BE IN CHARGE OF STARR'S DETENTION NOW.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH STARR IS PROMINENTLY MENTIONED IN THE ARTICLE (WHICH IS ONE OF THREE DEALING WITH FARC ACTIVITIES PUT TOGETHER BY "EL TIEMPO" STAFFERS - THE OTHERS REPORT FARC ATROCITIES AMONG PEASANTS AND INTERNAL FIGHTING WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION), STORY'S APPARENT PURPOSE IS TO REPORT THAT VELEZ DID NOT DIE AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN 1977, BUT IS BACK IN ACTION ALLEGEDLY RECEIVING FUNDS FROM THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE AND SWAPPING MARIHUANA FOR ARMS. REPORT IS HIGHLY SPECULATIVE AND MENTION OF STARR IS LITTLE MORE THAN INCIDENTAL.
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